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As a Microsoft Windows XP user and a Macintosh OS X user, and although I enjoy running both operating systems, I think it is a mistake to allow an anti-trust settlement against Microsoft Corp with the result being additional free Windows based computers in our nation's schools. This certainly is a slap in the face of Apple Computer Co who has for years worked tirelessly with the schools to provide educational equipment.

If the one of the main concerns in the suit against Microsoft was due to a "perceived" monopolistic endeavor on their part, the solution, in my opinion, is not to provide them with an even greater field of play for their product. This would certainly stifle competition which I believe is the Department's exact opposite position in this matter. If the schools choose PCs with the Windows operating system - so be it. If they prefer Apple Computer's operating system - so be it. Let the United States Government NOT be a party against open market competition.

Thank you.

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